

C. Humphrey: I hope you enjoyed Module 1 of the Cumulative Effects Analysis course. What I'd like to do now is review the learning objectives before you move on to Module 2.

So now you know how to complete a cumulative effects analysis using the 7-step method that's presented in the BLM NEPA Handbook; and in addition, you now know how to identify sources of cumulative effects guidance, that's both in the BLM NEPA Handbook and the CEQ regulations, and of course don't forget the CEQ's Considering Cumulative Effects publication (that's the one that's dated from January 1997 and can be found under the Resources button on your screen). You also are able to define cumulative effects and describe why they're important, and also you are able to describe the relationship between cumulative effects and the direct and indirect effects.

Now you should have a better understanding of what a solid cumulative effects analysis should consist of, as well as the steps involved in doing such an analysis. Your instructors presented them in a fairly simple way, but we do realize that doing cumulative effects is rarely simple. You probably feel a little bit more comfortable knowing what steps to take, but I would imagine that you're not ready to jump right in and do an analysis yourself--not quite yet. Well that's where Module 2 comes in.

In that module we're going to go through each step of the process and we'll illustrate them with four different actions. You can review one action or all of them, it's up to you. In that module, the instructors will go through more of the complicated elements of cumulative effects analysis.

The learning objectives for Module 2 are the following: Think about cumulative effects throughout the NEPA process starting during scoping, continuing during the alternatives, and finishing up at the environmental consequences. Then second is to conduct a cumulative effects analysis that is consistent with BLM and CEQ guidance, and that will end up with a better decision for the BLM.

After you finish Module 2, we're still not gonna leave you hanging. We've also got an on-site course where our instructors will come to your office and they'll help you work through one of your cumulative effects analyses. By the end of this two-day workshop, you will be well on your way to a solid analysis that you can be proud of and you can hold it up to others as a good example. Thanks.